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Hungarian Minister of National Defense, Miklos Pankas, and the Hungarian Army as follows:

1. In late October 1949 the Russians complained that the organization and build up of the Hungarian Army was behind schedule. This criticism came from Soviet officers attached to the Hungarian Ministry of National Defense. It was not believed, however, that Farkas' position was in immediate danger. He has recently been in Moscow.
2. Sipos believed that Moscow would soon openly interfere with Hungarian military issues.**
3. As for the reliability of the Hungarian Army it was said that "this is a very intricate question and the Hungarian Army is not likely to become a more reliable Communist instrument, even under Soviet command."

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Comment:

Sipos is not known as a political personality. The People's Colleges were established for the Communist indoctrination of the People.

It is apparently believed that the development in Hungary takes a course similar to that in Poland. The opinion that the Soviet criticism does not endanger Malin's position indicates, however, that the moment for such a development cannot be anticipated.

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